

In July of 2015, lawmakers and the public began to express concerns over the weaponization of drone technology after a college student built a drone capable of firing live ammunition from a mounted .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. More recently, at least one state legislature has proposed legislation to allow the use of weaponized drones by local and national law enforcement, which is something that concerns me greatly.

This amendment addresses these concerns by explicitly prohibiting the operation of a weaponized drone in the national airspace and by imposing a penalty of up to \$25,000 for each violation.

I am pleased to have worked with Rep. BURGESS on this common-sense, bi-partisan amendment and applaud my colleagues for adopting. I urge all Members to support the underlying bill.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on April 27, 2018, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my district and the State of Alabama. If I had been present, I would have voted NO on the amendment proposed by Rep. MCCLINTOCK (112), NO on the amendment proposed by Rep. DUNCAN (114), YES on the Democratic motion to recommit, YES on final passage of H.R. 4, and NO on the motion to table H. Res. 856.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MARTY ANN ROGUSKY REGULA

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Mary Ann Rogusky Regula who died at her family's farm in Navarre, Ohio on April 5, 2018.

Mary Regula was born in Girard, Ohio on November 29, 1926 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Rogusky. In 1949, Mary graduated from Mount Union College and it is there where she met her future husband Ralph Regula. She was an active member of the community, serving as an educator, historian, and aide in her husband's Congressional office as he represented the 16th Congressional District of Ohio.

In 1994, Mary began laying the foundation for a museum devoted to the first ladies. She told the Washington Post that it wasn't until the 1970s that we decided women had any part in this nation's history. She wanted to help close history's gaping hole by honoring the accomplishments of women. In 1998, former first lady Rosalynn Carter cut the ribbon at the formal opening of the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio. Mary hoped the museum would serve as a way to document the lives of first ladies and as a resource for scholars and students. The museum was designated a historic site in 2000, expanding to include an education and research center

that has now grown to partner with Ohio schools to provide educational programming about these important figures in American history.

She is dearly missed by her three children Richard Regula (Sherry), David Regula (Jaqueline), and Martha Regula and her four grandchildren, Thomas, Garrett, Olivia and Marissa. She was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband.

Mary was a wonderful woman, and I am grateful to have had both her and Ralph as friends. She was a valued member of the community and her legacy leaves a lasting impact. I extend my sincerest condolences to all of her family and friends.

#### TRIBUTE TO RUTH AND JIM BRAND

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ruth and Jim Brand of Mount Ayr, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated on March 3, 2018.

Ruth and Jim's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this meaningful occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued happiness.

#### CONGRATULATING MR. GEORGE VITELLO ON HIS UPCOMING RE- TIREMENT

### HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. George Vitello on his upcoming retirement from the United States House of Representatives. George began working in the Office of Visitor Services in March 2011 before moving to the Office of the Sergeant at Arms in June 2012.

From his first day on the job, George developed a reputation as a reliable, skilled, and friendly asset to the entire House community. George first served as a Visitor Assistant, then moved to the Sergeant at Arms and the House Appointments Desks where he became a wonderful resource—and a good friend—to every single one of his colleagues.

George assists every Member, staff person, and visitor the very same way—with an abundance of patience and a calm and pleasant attitude. He is a familiar face to both Members and staff alike, never too busy to say 'hello,' and always taking the time to ask how you are doing. George genuinely cares about every person he meets, and it shows in his work.

Working with the Sergeant at Arms, George demonstrated great initiative developing the form now used to track the monthly official business visitor counts for the Appointments Desks, as well as providing training to new interns and staff on the protocols for official business visitor badge use. Throughout his years with the House, George has been a true team player and someone who always volunteered for additional assignments, projects, and events.

George spent time as the VP/General Manager at Sea World in Florida prior to his employment with the House and always shared his passion for all creatures, great and small.

George Vitello has been a remarkable asset to the Office of the Sergeant at Arms, and he will be greatly missed by the entire House community. I am grateful for his service to the United States House of Representatives and wish him and his wife Joyce the very best in his retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for Roll Call vote 156 on Thursday, April 26, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

#### BILL KELLY AND THE TEXAS RAIDERS

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, at the height of World War II, Bill Kelly worked as an airplane mechanic. Stationed in the Marshall Islands, he and his team were responsible for the maintenance and repair of B-29 bombers that stopped over on their way to Japan and back. He and his brothers-in-arms often stayed up all night preparing the planes for the next leg of their journey, on occasion even replacing whole one-ton engines overnight.

Although he is currently 93, aviation has been, I quote, "second nature" to Bill for most of his life. This is why the tribute one group arranged for him was so special.

Recently, the Gulf Coast Wing of the Commemorative Air Force made Bill the guest of honor at their fly-in in Lakewood, Florida. To honor his service, Bill was given the opportunity to fly in a World War II-era B-17 bomber, the "Texas Raiders," maintained by the group. Bill enjoyed his 20-minute flight and said that it brought back several good memories of his time in the service.

Mr. Speaker, as veterans of this war continue to grow older and fewer in number, it is important that we not let their sacrifice be forgotten. The members of the "Greatest Generation" made a unique contribution to the American nation, having not only endured the hardships of the Great Depression but also answered the call to defend our country after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Groups like the custodians of "Texas Raiders" that travel the country and give veterans the opportunity to fly in World War II aircraft are doing important work to ensure that our country's veterans are not forgotten and are given due recognition of their bravery and sacrifice.

Bill remarked that at 93, he is, I quote, "pretty well advanced right now." Bill, you may be "advanced" in life, but you are still front and center in our collective memory.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO DARLENE AND  
MYRON LINTNER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Darlene and Myron Lintner of Sidney, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Darlene and Myron's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

CONGRATULATING SALINAS  
VALLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital on its 65th anniversary.

In 1941 Bruce Church, a local businessman and philanthropist, had a vision to build a hospital for the people of Salinas. He donated land to the project and twelve years later his vision became a reality. In recognition of this philanthropic endeavor, President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent Mr. Church a letter congratulating him which read, "The people of the Salinas Valley have every right to be proud of this admirable example of local self-reliance and initiative."

On April 20, 1953, the 138-bed hospital triumphantly opened its doors, supported by one-hundred employees and forty-five physicians. The hospital's founders envisioned a technologically advanced hospital of the highest quality to serve the residents of the Salinas Valley. Salinas Valley Memorial has lived up to the founders' vision in providing state of the art health care services.

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital has grown to hold 266 beds and employs 1,600 people and 300 board certified physicians with a myriad of specialties. The hospital's successful

medical research and use of revolutionary health care technology has been facilitated by its bold partnerships with both local organizations and leading global institutions for science and medicine, such as NASA and Stanford University.

Salinas Valley Memorial provides comprehensive health care and offers patients a variety of specialty care by working with partners to address important health issues like diabetes, obesity, and cancer. This hospital's dedication to expanding health care into underserved communities has fostered increased education and wellness, allowing the diverse citizenry to make permanent lifestyle choices for a healthy community.

I am honored to recognize the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and the many contributions it has made to the Central Coast of California. It has bolstered and encouraged the health and well-being of our community throughout the last sixty-five years. Through investing in the latest medical technologies, conducting clinical research, and providing education to the community, this hospital has, from its inception, played an invaluable role in the lives of the residents of the Salinas Valley.

We continue to be proud of the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and everyone who has been involved in its extraordinary work and mission over the last sixty-five years. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the house join me in congratulating the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital for a triumphant sixty-five years of excellence.

IN RECOGNITION OF TRISH  
DEPRIEST

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 27, 2018*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a statement from former Representatives Jack Kingston, and Lindsay Thomas, and the son of the late Representative Bo Ginn:

"We thank Congressman CARTER for the opportunity to submit something regarding our mutual and beloved employee, Trish DePriest. We must immediately point out that Trish never worked for any of us, rather she worked for the people of the First District of Georgia and kept us advised and well out of the way of her great progress. Trish is in a rare category of legendary public servants. While she yielded the headlines and public credit to us, she was the force behind the scenes to get the job done. Whether it was a veteran who needed help navigating the VA Bureau, a senior citizen experiencing a Social Security or Medicaid glitch, or a newlywed couple in desperate need for a last minute passport, Trish was there for thousands of people making a difference in their life. She knew how to get things done, knew the people of power, but most importantly she was consummate champion of the underdog. If you got spun off the track and your lawyers, doctors, and friends couldn't help, Trish DePriest was the person to call. It did not matter the task, the politics, or time of day, Trish has always been ready to step forward and solve the problem.

We love you, Trish. We thank you for everything you've done for the people of Georgia,

for all your hard work and making us look very good. We hope you enjoy your retirement and continue to never make left-hand turns."

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF  
2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 26, 2018*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4) to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of the Jackson Lee Amendment to H.R. 4, FAA Reauthorization and Disaster Recovery Reform Act, which was not included in the Rule for this bill.

I am disappointed that the other Jackson Lee Amendments to H.R. 4, the "FAA Reauthorization and Disaster Recovery Reform Act that would have made permanent the FEMA Office of Disaster Response and Recovery, which exists, but has not been codified, was not made in order.

FEMA is the agency that helps people before, during and after disasters.

For 38 years, FEMA's mission remains: to lead America to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters with a vision of "A Nation Prepared."

On April 1, 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed the executive order that created the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

From day one, FEMA has remained committed to protecting and serving the American people.

That commitment to the people we serve and the belief in our survivor centric mission will never change.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 100-707), signed into law on November 23, 1988; amended the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-288).

The Stafford Act constitutes the statutory authority for most Federal disaster response activities especially as they pertain to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and FEMA programs.

The underlying Disaster Reform language in H.R. 4, the FAA Reauthorization Act provided the opportunity to make strong statement regarding the Federal government's responsibility for disaster response and recovery.

The work of the FEMA Office of Disaster Response and Recovery is critical when disaster strikes and for this reason should be a permanent part of the agency.

This is the office responsible for the Federal wide coordination of disaster response and recovery efforts.

Disaster response also requires that this office work well with non-governmental aid agencies like the Red Cross, and health care